

GENERAL CRITERIA FOR ANNEXATIONS UNDER NEW SENATE BILL 5

The general criteria differ from each type of annexation, below are the five (5) different types.

Types of Annexations

- A. *Regular Annexation***-Petitions by at least 51% of the property owners within the territory proposed to be annexed.
- B. *Expedited 1 Annexation***-Petitions by all of the property owners within the territory proposed to be annexed, with consent of the municipality and township(s), as evidenced by either an annexation agreement or a Cooperative Economic Development Agreement (CEDA) being submitted with the petition.
- C. *Expedited 2 Annexation***-Petitions by all of the property owners with the territory proposed to be annexed with or without consent of the municipality and township(s). The proposed territory to be annexed is not to be excluded from the township(s), unless otherwise provided by an annexation agreement or a CEDA.
- D. *Expedited 3 Annexation***-Petitions by all of the property owners within the territory proposed to be annexed for the purpose of undertaking a significant economic development project. The proposed territory to be annexed is not to be excluded from the township(s), unless otherwise provided by an annexation agreement or a CEDA.
- E. *Annexation by Petition of a Municipality for Municipal, County or State Owned Land***-Petitions by a municipality to annex municipal, county, or state owned land that is contiguous to the municipality. The territory to be annexed is not to be excluded from the township(s).

A. Regular Annexation-

- Within 10 days of the petition being filed a proof of service must be filed with The Development Department; the proof of service must read that you have notified all governmental bodies and the surrounding property owners. The proof of service for the surrounding property owners must be notarized.
- Within 10 days of the petition being filed a proof of publication must be sent to a newspaper with decent circulation (i.e. The Columbus Dispatch, The Daily Reporter, etc.); the publication should read that an annexation case was filed with our department (The Development Department) and that you are requesting to annex your property, the # of acreage, the township you are currently in, the municipality you are annexing to, the hearing date and where they can review the case.
- 20 days before the hearing the municipal statement of services (service ordinance) must be filed with The Development Department
- Up to 15 days before the hearing an amendment to the territory being annexed must be filed (you can reduce, but you can't add). If you add, you will have to withdraw your current case and file a new case with the added acreage.
- Immediately following the amendment a re-referral of the legal description/map/plat must be filed with the county engineer
- Between 60-90 days after petition was filed the Franklin County Commissioners will hear the case.